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To Whom It May Concern,

I realise that as an Australian citizen my views on the Microsoft (MS) case are probably of little concern. However, I find the US court decision somewhat perplexing. Your court has seen evidence of Microsoft creating, maintaining and increasing a monopoly in not only the United States of America, but the whole world. The Windows Operating System contains so much peripheral software that the vast majority of users will never consider using alternative software. Added to this is the difficulty in disassociating software such as Explorer, MS Messenger and Media Player. Adding alternative software is beyond the average user as MS products keep on usurping installed software from competitors as the primary program. MS is a company that has bullied OEM's, bought out rivals (e.g. Corel) and stymied competition such as Netscape by giving its software away for free and claiming it is part of the Operating System and can't be disassociated (e.g. Explorer).

The remedies you have proposed seem inadequate to quell fears that MS will continue to gain dominance in computing software markets etc. The original decision to force Microsoft to split into an operating system and general software companies seemed like a sensible decision based on MS executive's failure to comply with previous restraints on their marketing behaviour, in fact for most people in the computing world believe even this was inadequate. Even during the trial, MS executives were shown to be deceptive, in particular Bill Gates. Your failure to place sufficient restraints on this company will hopefully be rectified by the European Union courts and other foreign legislative authorities.

As it stands, the Justice of the United States of America appears to be inversely proportional to one's wealth.

Yours Sincerely

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